chemistry assay.



- 2. The diagnostic system according to claim 1, wherein said immunoassay analyzer and said clinical chemistry analyzer each have a respective local processor in communication with said processor, wherein the local processors respectively control execution of measurements specified by said processor on the immunoassay and clinical chemistry analyzer.
- 3. The diagnostic system according to claim 2, wherein said processor communicates with each of said local processors via a network.
- 4. The diagnostic system according to claim 3, wherein said network is a public or private network.
- 5. The diagnostic system according to claim 2, wherein said local processors each independently and selectively execute a local program or subroutine to control a sequence of measurements in response to a command from said processor.
- 6. The diagnostic system according to claim 1, wherein said processor supports the diagnosis of the pathology.
- 7. (Amended) The diagnostic system according to claim 1, wherein the diagnosis of the pathology for the subject is based, at least in part, on results from the [measurements] measurements executed according to said reflex algorithm and on additional stored information concerning the subject.
- 8. (Amended) The diagnostic system according to claim 1, further comprising a hematology analyzer coupled to said processor, and wherein [said measurements specified by] the program further specifies hematology measurements to be [include a measurement] executed by the hematology analyzer in response to a command from said processor.

9. (Amended) A system for executing a sequence of biochemical marker measurement steps to generate an indication of a pathology, the biochemical marker measurement steps including an immunoassay measurement and a clinical chemistry assay [measurements] measurement, [to generate an indication of a pathology,] the biochemical marker measurement steps including measuring a concentration level or an activity of at least one biochemical marker in a urine, serum, plasma or whole blood sample, the system comprising:

means for performing an immunoassay measurement;

means for performing a clinical chemistry assay measurement;

means for sample handling between the immunoassay [measurement] measurement

means and the clinical chemistry assay measurement means;

means for storing information representing a reflex algorithm indicating a plurality of predetermined sequences of biochemical marker measurements;

means for receiving information concerning outputs from biochemical marker measurements conducted on the immunoassay means and the clinical chemistry assay means;

means for selectively commanding said immunoassay measurement means and said clinical chemistry assay means to perform a specified biochemical marker measurement according to said reflex algorithm; and

means for specifying an indication of the pathology according to the stored information in response to the information concerning outputs from biochemical marker measurements.

10. (Amended) A system for executing a sequence of biochemical marker measurement steps, the biochemical marker measurement steps including immunoassay and clinical chemistry assays, the biochemical marker measurement steps including measuring a concentration level or an activity of at least one biochemical marker in a serum, plasma or whole blood sample obtained from [said individual] a subject at a time specified by a reflex algorithm, the system comprising:

immunoassay instrumentation that allows automatic execution of an immunoassay